of this Ministry. In short time, whatever results come from that active consideration, I will inform the hon Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Progress of Water Management Programmes

*325. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that restructured Command Area Development and Water Management Programme have into achieved the desired results and it is progressing at snail's speed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the total area in which the work has been completed under the said programme so far, and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to accelerate the speed of work under the said programme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) No, Sir. The progress under restructured command Area Development and Water Management Programme has been satisfactory except for the new components of correction of system deficiencies up to distributaries of 150 cusec capacity and the renovation of Minor Irrigation Tanks included under the Programme with effect from 01-04-2004. The States are in a transition phase to implement these new components.

(b) For implementation of new components of correction of systems deficiencies up to distributaries of 150 cusec capacity and the renovation of Minor Irrigation Tanks, formation of legalized Water Users'Association is a pre-requisite, which is taking time as the States have enact a new Participatory Irrigation Management Act or make amendments in the existing Irrigation Act to facilitate formation of Water Users' Associations and signing of Memorandum of Understanding with them. Once, the transition phase is over, the progress under these activities will pick up.

(c) Since inception of restructured command Area Development & Water Management Programme with effect from 1.4.2004 until now the State Governments have reported cobverage of an area of 6.54 lakh ha., 2.26

lakh ha. And 2.38 lakh ha. respectively under field channels field drains and warabandi.

(d) The Programme is being moitored and reviewed periodically for accelerating the pace of implementation.

Increase in revenue from petroleum products

† * 326. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite low rate of tax on petroleum in the year 2005-06, the tax revenue is estimated to be rupees 5,115 crores;

(b) if not, what are Government's estimate in this regard, and whether this amount is more than the revenue amount of 4699 crore rupees in the year 2004-2005; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for which the revenue amount during this year is more as compared to that of last year?

THE FINANCE MINISTER OF (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Budget estimates of revenue collection from customs and excise duties from all the commodities are made taking into account all material factors. Revenue collection is not estimated for individual commodities or commodity group separately. Revenue collection from customs and excise duties from petroleum sector during the period from April to January of 2005-06 *vis-a-vis* corresponding period last financial year was an under:

(Rs. crore)

	April-January(Provisional) 2004-05	2005-06
Total customs and excise revenue	45621	51428

New guidelines for penalties for adulteration in fuel by dealer/ petrol pumps

*327. DR. ALLADI P. RAJ KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that penalties for adulteration in fuel by dealer/ petrol pump operators have been reduced/weakened under new guidelines;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.